



## Agricultural Policy Forum 2020:

### *Agriculture and rural development policy in the Western Balkans in times of pandemic*

12 - 16 October 2020  
Online meeting

#### DRAFT PROGRAM

#### Monday, 12 October 2020

10:00 – 10:05	Official address – <b>Mr. Besian Mustafa</b> , Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo*
10:05 – 10:10	Official address and introduction to the APF 2020 objectives and the program – <b>Mr. Boban Ilic</b> , Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
10:10 – 10:25	Regional cooperation in times of pandemic: lessons learnt – <b>Mr. Besian Mustafa</b> , Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo*
10:25 – 10:40	Progress with IPARD II / Perspectives for IPARD III – <b>Mr. Liam Breslin</b> , Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI
10:40 – 10:55	Impact of COVID-19 on agriculture, food and rural areas in the Western Balkans – <b>Mr. Basri Hyseni</b> , Expert, Kosovo*
10:55 – 11:10	Recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries – <b>Ms. Ana Kotevska, PhD</b> , Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, North Macedonia
<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
11:30 – 11:45	Best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey – <b>Ms. Judith Möllers, PhD</b> , Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Transition Economies, Halle, Germany

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

11:45 – 12:00	The role of rural tourism in diversification of economic activities and its implications in times of pandemics – <b>Ms. Suzana Djordjevic Milosevic, PhD</b> , Professor, Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia
12:00 – 12:15	Research, innovation and technology transfer capacities in the Western Balkans – <b>Ms. Ankica Kondic - Spika, PhD</b> , Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, Novi Sad, Serbia
12:15 – 12:30	Concluding remarks and introduction to the working groups topics
<b>Tuesday, 13 October 2020</b>	
10:00 – 13:00	<b>Working group 1: <i>Impact of COVID-19 on agriculture, food and rural areas in the Western Balkans</i></b>
<b>Wednesday, 14 October 2020</b>	
10:00 – 13:00	<b>Working group 2: <i>The LEADER Approach in the Western Balkans</i></b>
<b>Thursday, 15 October 2020</b>	
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Working group 3: <i>Best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey</i></b>
<b>Friday, 16 October 2020</b>	
10:00 – 10:20	Presentation of working group 1 results
10:20 – 10:40	Presentation of working group 2 results
10:40 – 11:00	Presentation of working group 3 results
11:00 – 11:45	Discussion and formulation of the APF Agenda 2020
11:45 – 12:00	Official closing of the Forum